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Organized in 1953, the Golden Chain Union Chorus includes Endeavorers from 15 societies. Mrs. Lorenzo Meengs is director, with Elmer Lievense as accompanist. During Christian Endeavor Week the Chorus sang on four radio programs presented by the union over Station WJBL, Holland, Michigan. They have appeared on television and in many church services.

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From the Executive Secretary . . .

This is news too good to withhold! We are happy to tell you that the 1957 Membership Mobilization was most successful. Surpassed only by the all-time record of 1953, the 1957 Membership Mobilization rates as the second most productive Mobilization in a long line of successful finance programs.

On several occasions we have urged all of you to join a Fellowship of Prayer that our united efforts might be properly directed and blessed. Will you join with us now in a prayer of thanksgiving to God for real blessing in these efforts. We are grateful, too, to the host of you who have worked in local areas to make this effective Membership Mobilization possible.

Thanks, too, to the great numbers of you who enrolled.

Christian Endeavorers in the News—

Dr. W. W. McKinney, minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Ambridge, Pennsylvania, was recently elected president of the National Reform Association.

President Earle W. Gates has been named to the Board of Directors of Buffalo and Erie County Bible Society.

Your Executive Secretary has been elected to the Headquarters Committee of the Temperance League of Ohio and to the Council of the Presbytery of Columbus.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Powell, formerly of Washington, D. C., are now in Detroit preparing for overseas service as missionaries. Carl is a past president of the D. C. Christian Endeavor Union.

Our sincere sympathy to Clarence Wingert, Jr., of Hanover, Pennsylvania, whose wife, the former Hulda Showman, died recently. Clarence and Hulda met on the International Christian Endeavor Fellowship Tour following the Denver Convention in 1953.

International Vice-President and Educational Committee Chairman Phyllis G. Brown of Richmond, Virginia, recently wrote an article "Is There a Young Adult Group in Your Church?" which appeared in THE LOOKOUT magazine.

New Advance in Japan—

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, has announced a recent grant from the World's Union to the Japan Union of Christian Endeavor which will enable Japanese Christian Endeavorers to support a traveling field secretary. This is a direct result of the recent Pacific Area Conference of the World's Christian Endeavor Union in Japan last summer. Rev. Akira Ebisawa is Executive Secretary of the Japan Union of Christian Endeavor.

Christian Endeavor Awarded George Washington Honor Medal—

We are happy to have word that the Distinguished National Awards Jury of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge has selected the International Society of Christian Endeavor to receive the George Washington Honor Medal for Christian Endeavor's citizenship emphasis in the CHRIST SHALL REIGN program. The award, announced at Valley Forge on George Washington's Birthday, February 22, comes to Christian Endeavor for its significant Christian Citizenship Crusade directed by Educational Secretary and Citizenship Director Robert C. Ross.

A Glorious and Happy Easter—

From all of us at Christian Endeavor Headquarters to all of you we wish a glorious and a happy Easter. As you stand at the empty tomb may you be refreshed and renewed as you hear again the victorious cry, "He is risen!" May real spiritual blessings come from the many Easter Dawn Services which will be sponsored by Christian Endeavor societies and unions.

Harold Westerhoff

SON YOUTH enjoyed annual Christian Endeavor banquet at Newport tian Church. Endeavorers from Oceanlake Christian Church and Toledo ch of Christ were guests. Presidents and sponsors are pictured at head . Don Stram, banquet speaker, is seated at left.

MARYLAND ENDEAVORERS at head table at Frederick County banquet are (left to right) Mrs. Warren Smith, Howard Lantz, B. McClain Cochran, speaker, Nellie Griffin, Marguerite Dicus, Rev. Claude Corl, Jean Vaughn, and Raymond Winter.

From Coast to Coast . . .

Youth Celebrate Christian Endeavor Week

Significant celebrations of Christian Endeavor's 76th anniversary were held around the world.

As Endeavorers paid tribute to the glory of the past, they faced new goals for the advancement of the Christian Endeavor movement around the world.

Special church services, projects, radio and television programs, display of outdoor poster panels, window displays, and banquets were among the many activities of Christian Endeavor Week January 27-February 3.

Many reports of these events have been pouring into headquarters of the International Society at Columbus.

West Virginia

Endeavorers of Ohio County joined with Ohio and Pennsylvania youth at a Tri-State Rally on February 1 in Washington, Pennsylvania. Over 400 were present to hear Dr. Gene Stone, former general secretary of the International Society.

Colorado

More than 175 youth attended a rally February 1 at Paonia First Christian Church. Eldon Chitwood, Earl Heald, and Andy Cameron spoke. Linda Dorsey was elected president of the Western Slope Union.

Denver youth banqueted at Central Christian Church on January 31. Speaker Bob Lilly challenged the youth with his question, "Who is a sissy?" stating, "It takes a real man to stand up for Christ and his spiritual convictions."

New Jersey

Endeavorers of First Presbyterian Church, Passaic, took active part in the church service on February 3. This marked the 70th anniversary of their organization.

Christian Endeavor Week

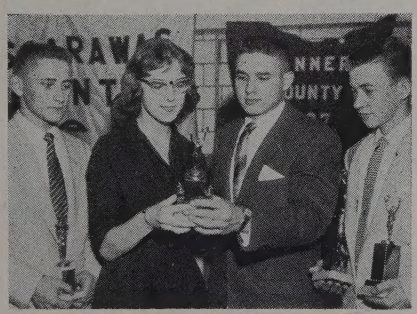
— A Sonnet —

'Twas Francis E. Clark heard the call, to sound
In Eighteen-eighty-one: lay strong and deep
Foundation of our enterprise, to keep
Unstained "For Christ and Church," youth's meeting-ground:
Through all the years, its labors to abound.
Three-quarters of a century to reap
The fruitage of his vision and to heap
Upon his memory honors profound!

His mantle fell upon his Christian son,
Who carried on C.E. in worthy ways.
Successors have been called of God, to lead
The movement, in far-visioned faith begun.
All the wide world resounds with gladest praise
And prayer to God, for years to come, "God-speed!"

January 27
to
February 3,
1957

William Hiram Foulkes



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS were given to societies at banquet for Tuscarawas County (Ohio) Endeavorers. Trophies were presented for participation in outdoor poster program and state membership drive, for banquet attendance, and for subscriptions to THE WORLD. Banners won by the county union decorated the walls of the banquet hall.

Illinois

Chicago Union Endeavorers held a birthday rally on February 3 at Metropolitan Community Church. Rev. Raymond Weiss, former Michigan field secretary, was the speaker.

Over 150 youth heard Rev. William Leslie speak on the theme, "Consider Your Calling," at the Peoria Union banquet in Hanna City on January 31.

Maryland

February 8 was the date for Baltimore's annual banquet which was held at Christ E.U.B. Church.

Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, International Society vice-president, brought the message at the banquet for Washington County Union held in Hagerstown January 31.

Carroll County celebrated with a banquet at Harney on January 24. Rev. Richard Summer was the speaker.

Ohio

Endeavorers of the Auglaize Conference of the United Brethren in Christ Church met in Van Wert on January 27 for a Christian Endeavor Rally. Of the 225 present, about 40 were Juniors. The speaker was DeWitt Baker, missionary to Africa.

Over 300 attended the 30th annual Tuscarawas County banquet at Gnadenhutten Moravian Church. Speaker was Robert C. Ross, educational secretary of the International Society.

Franklin County Union held a birthday banquet and a rally at Indianola Church of Christ, Columbus.

Cleveland Endeavorers enjoyed a banquet at the Brooklyn Reformed Church, while Stark County youth held their banquet in the First Christian Church, Canton.

(More reports on the next page)

REPORT FROM GERMANY by Mrs. Adean Young (left) was feature of Roanoke (Virginia) banquet on February 2. Others pictured are (left to right) Mrs. Bill Mottesheard, Bill Mottesheard, Phyllis Link, Roanoke Union president, and Rev. Jacob J. M. Strite.

"SPIRIT OF '76" was the theme for the San Jacinto (Texas) Distr banquet. Pictured are (left to right) Olin Badeaux, Charles Chan Edna Badeaux, Loren Griswold, David Anderson, Sue Harp Linda Green, and Harriet Anderson.

Christian Endeavorers Observe 76th Birthday

Kentucky

Governor A. B. Chandler issued a Christian Endeavor Week proclamation urging "that the churches and Christian people of this state do make this a week of rededication to the task of reaching and guiding young people in the way of righteousness and a week of encouraging those who in their youth are taking leadership in God's work."

In western Kentucky 300 gathered at the Livermore Baptist Church to hear Danny Aflleje of the Philippines, a student from Oakland City College.

A fellowship night on January 29 at James Lees Memorial Presbyterian Church of Louisville began with a chili supper. Following recreation Christian Tirre, state field secretary, presented a chalk talk on the theme, "Consider Your Call."

Jackson County Endeavorers assembled at Gray Hawk Reformed Church for their rally. The Annville society won the attendance banner and the McKee society won the Bible Quiz.

Alumni members met on February 2 in Louisivlle for a banquet directed by alumni superintendent Mrs. Earle L. Glenn.

On Christian Endeavor Day the Gateway District Union appeared on the television program "Songs of Faith" over WHAS-TV, Louisville.

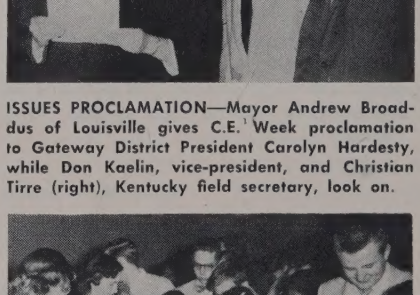
Iowa

Four members of the society at Pella First Reformed Church took part in the church service on February 3. The junior and intermediate societies furnished special music.

Virginia

Roanoke Union held a banquet on February 2 at Melrose Christian Church, with about 100 present. Mrs. Adean Young, former Virginia president, challenged the group on "Consider Your Call."

ISSUES PROCLAMATION—Mayor Andrew Broaddus of Louisville gives C.E. Week proclamation to Gateway District President Carolyn Hardesty, while Don Kaelin, vice-president, and Christian Tirre (right), Kentucky field secretary, look on.



BIRTHDAY CAKE was served to many Endeavorers honoring Christian Endeavor's 76th anniversary. Here youth of Franklin County (Ohio) crowd around the refreshment table at birthday rally.

Tennessee

Peggie Harmon, field secretary for th state union, was interviewed abo Christian Endeavor on a television pr gram January 28.

The Smoky Mountain District used th theme "Christ Shall Reign Through M for their annual banquet February Prof. Fred B. Craddock was speaker.

The Appalachian District met Febr ary 3 at First Christian Church in Joh son City, with about 300 present.

District of Columbia

Rev. Richard Halverson, a former pa tor at Hollywood's First Presbyteria Church, was the speaker at the annu banquet in Washington February 1.

Wisconsin

Approximately 120 young people gat ered in Sheboygan February 4 to cel brate the birthday of Christian Endeavo Guest speaker was the Rev. Mr. Me serschmidt of Batavia.

Pauline Schreurs, state presiden spoke on Sunday, January 29, when th Denzer-Honey Creek society took charg of the morning services.

New York

Many activities during Christian En deavor Week were scheduled by mem bers of the Norton Hill society i Greenville. These included visits to shut ins, devotional meetings, hymn sing, an a party.

Westchester County reports a fin birthday celebration.

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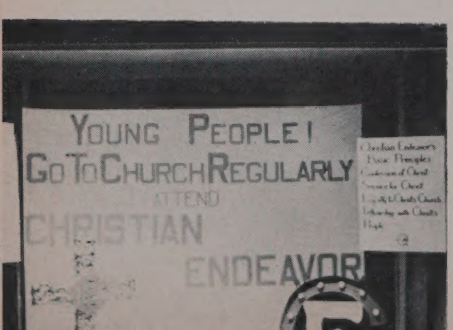


WINDOW DISPLAY (left) in Freedom Hall at state fair grounds, Louisville, was prepared by the Kentucky Christian Endeavor Union.

UNITED NATIONS SUPPER (right) was event for Perry County (Pennsylvania) leaders. Front row (left to right) are Roberta Umberger, Rev. LaRoy Dietrich, Helen Shenk, president, and Barbara Shoop. Back row—Robert Umberger, Clair Comp, Erla Haas, and Karl Snyder.

Unions Vie for Honors n Registration Contest

pecial Tours, Chartered Buses, and Auto Caravans To Bring Delegates to Portland July 8-13 For International Convention

GISTERED FOR PORTLAND?

Many young people throughout North America will be asked that estion as the registration contest for the 44th International Christian ideavor Convention to be held in Portland, Oregon, July 8-13, gets o full swing.

Registrars in the states and provinces are hard at work signing up legates for the big event in the City of Roses.

Many awards will be given to indi- luals as well as to societies and unions the registration contest.

ions Win Awards

At the first report period on January New York Union was in the lead in vision A with the District of Columbia ion out in front in Division B.

The second report date, February 28, ought new winners with Wisconsin aking the greatest gain in Division A ring February and Ontario making a enomenal increase of 60% to cop ards in Division B. These first place nners at each report period received e monthly award of $10.

Second place winners in each division ere New Jersey and Kentucky in Jan- ry and New York and the Golden Rule nion in February. Each of these re- ived five free subscriptions (worth a tal of $7.50) to THE CHRISTIAN NDEAVOR WORLD.

Third report date deadline is March . All registrations received at Inter- tional Headquarters, 1221 East Broad reet, Columbus 16, Ohio, by that date ill count for the period.

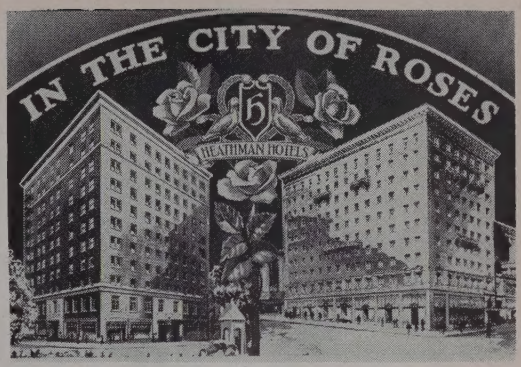
Parade positions are at stake in this gistration contest. Choice seats in the ublic Auditorium in Portland will be signed to those unions in top place at e close of the contest.

ours, Buses, Auto Caravans

Delegates are planning to reach Port- nd in many different ways.

Many Endeavorers will join the two urs from the East—the International ellowship Tour originating in Philadel- hia and the Great Lakes Economy Tour om Chicago. These tours offer Chris- an Endeavor fellowship along with at- active vacation plans and convention ttendance.

Other Endeavorers are planning to harter buses or perhaps to join together n an auto caravan.



THE HEATHMAN HOTELS, in the heart of downtown Portland, will be the headquarters hotels. Attractive rates are being made available to convention delegates. The hotels are near the Public Auditorium and adjacent to the Masonic Temple.

Ohio Endeavorers Charter Bus

Inspired by the 1955 Columbus Convention, Endeavorers of the JOY and Growing Christian Endeavor societies of First Christian Church, Canton, Ohio, have been working since October, 1955, to raise funds to charter a bus for the trip to Portland. A few Endeavorers from the Perry, Moreland, and Howenstine Christian Churches have joined in this effort.

Requirements for a place on the bus included attendance at Christian Endeavor meetings and active participation in the many projects to raise the needed funds.

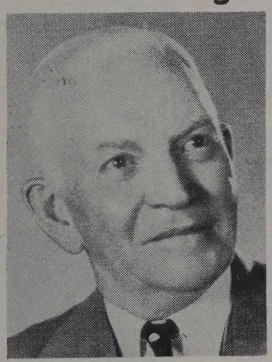
Mr. and Mrs. Roy G. Blackburn of Massillon are the adult sponsors.

Invitation to Portland

We of Oregon consider it a privilege to invite you to the Great Northwest and to our City of Roses for the International Christian Endeavor Convention. We can offer you some of the most beautiful scenery to be seen anywhere, but more than that we invite you to come and share with us in the rich spiritual experience we all will enjoy during the convention.

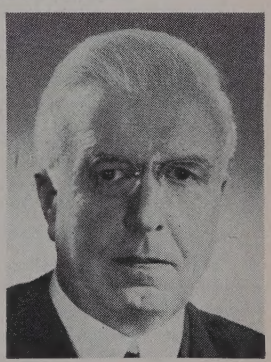
—*Timothy Kribs,* President
Oregon Christian Endeavor Union

Judges for Citizenship Contest



W. Colburn Standish

Dr. Gene Stone



Hon. Carl V. Weygandt

Winners in the finals of Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Contest will be determined by April 25 by a board of judges consisting of W. Colburn Standish, Dr. Gene Stone, and the Honorable Carl V. Weygandt. Mr. Standish is an outstanding Christian layman of Detroit, Michigan. For many years he was connected with Walker & Co., outdoor advertising firm, and assisted in developing Christian Endeavor's outdoor poster program. Dr. Stone, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of New Castle, Pennsylvania, was formerly general secretary of the International Society and is now serving as a member of the Executive Committee. Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio since 1933, Mr. Weygandt is also an active Christian layman. His home is in Lakewood, Ohio.

Youth Forum

This is a new feature for THE WORLD which was suggested by members of the Youth Assembly. Young people from various parts of the United States and Canada have been asked to serve on a "youth forum" committee. At the right are photos of six members of the forum. All these young people are seniors in high school and are active in Christian Endeavor. Other forum members will be pictured in future issues of THE WORLD.

We Asked . . . .

Give your opinion on the all-night, after-prom graduation parties which are becoming increasingly common. As Christians, what should young people do about attending these parties? Some say, "It's only for one night"; others say, "Everybody's doing it." What do you think?

Youth Forum Members Answered . . . .

. . . Senior Prom is only one of a thousand things that happen "once in a lifetime." For that reason, I can't see too much value in staying out all night to celebrate. Should a Christian take part? That's a matter of conscience, but I'd say yes, generally if—the party is well-chaperoned, no liquor is allowed, and the entertainment is wholesome. Let's be positive about it, even if it means getting in on the planning itself! It's easy to sit on the sidelines and criticize, but a lot harder to help set the standards—and if we don't someone else will.

. . . The Christian young person has to set an example before his fellow students. The Bible tells us that we are not to do anything that will lead another person astray. I feel if there is any question whatsoever as to the decency of the party the Christian would not go.

. . . We are setting an example for the younger people in our church, as well as our fellow classmates who are not Christians. Therefore, if we cannot stand up to high Christian standards the idea of attending should not be considered. A group of young people from a church, with Christian adults as chaperones, could have a good clean time by having a party after graduation, including a potluck or a breakfast. Non-Christian young people could be invited, and in this way they could really find out for themselves the good times a group of Christian young people can have together.

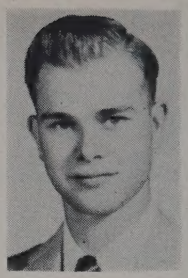
. . . With the senior trip, breakfasts, suppers, baccalaureate, and commencement the senior needs all the rest and sleep he or she can get. I believe for physical betterment of the teen-ager the all-night, after-prom parties are not necessary.

. . . Why not get together and plan an all-night party of your own? Maybe your church will help you. About 5:30 when the coke is almost gone and the recreation has worn itself out, gather around the piano for a song fest and short devotional service. This is not the only answer to the problem but it is one way of being able to attend an all-night party and still take your Lord with you.

. . . If you feel that a good, wholesome, clean-cut time will be had by all, I personally feel that it is perfectly all right to attend if it is chaperoned. Just to say that "Everybody's doing it," doesn't justify a Christian to do it. It is necessary to weigh the factors and see if it will be the kind of party you would like to have people know you attended.

. . . Having observed these functions in the past, I have found the following: they are exciting in name only, their very length causes them to become boring. On various occasions drink has been "smuggled" in. When this fellow rears ugly head, there is sure to be unpleasantness. On the who the active young people in church work are not present these functions. If as Christians we are to do all things to t glory of the Father, I am very much afraid that I m eliminate this activity from my life.

Immajean Gallimore



Marvin L. Dove

Carol Ann Abraha

IMMAJEAN . . . lives in Roanoke, Virginia . . . taking business cou on honor roll . . . active at Melrose Presbyterian—choir, Sunday sc teacher . . . second vice-president, Roanoke Union. MARVIN . . . h is Seibert, Colorado . . . letterman, football and basketball . . . c officer . . . various offices in local, district and state Christian Endea CAROL . . . The Bronx, New York . . . editorial board, school pa class treasurer . . . many offices in Christian Endeavor, including regis for conferences and conventions . . . church choir . . . studied piano 12 years.

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JIM . . . Erie, Pennsylvania . . . co-editor, yearbook . . . past presi Erie Youth Council . . . active in Erie County Christian Endeavor, wr news column for state paper, Youth Assembly member . . . honor dent. JOAN . . . Klamath Falls, Oregon . . . school paper staff . treasurer, Klamath Lake Union . . . Youth Committee, First Chris Church. DON . . . Allen Park, Michigan . . . seven years perfect atte ance, Christian Church . . . song leader at youth camp . . . teac Intermediate Sunday school class . . . Christian Endeavor president track . . . Latin, Camera, Science, and Mathematics clubs.

"EFFECTIVE LIVING IN A DEFECTIVE WORLD" was the theme of the nual retreat of the Armenian Christian Endeavor Union of Californ Delegates are pictured as they met in Santa Barbara February 22- for this event. More than 125 youth were present.

Christian Endeavor Honor Societies

International Society is happy to present the second list f societies and unions who have officially become members f the International Society of Christian Endeavor by finan- ial support during the 1957 Society Roll Call. Special cer- ificates have been given to these organizations. The societies nd unions are listed as those receiving red seals (having contributed $25) and blue seals (having given $10). Gold seals are given to societies contributing $50 or more. These hereby named alphabetically according to states and provinces are those who enrolled during the Mobilization efforts in February. As other societies and unions make their enrollment, they will be listed in a future publication.

Red Seal

. Alumni Fellowship, Washington, D.C.
mni Council, United Congregational Church, Oak Park, Ill.
liston Church, Portland, Maine
ior, Dutch Reformed Church of Bound Brook, outh Bound Brook, N. J.
ior, Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, Kingston, N.Y.
asant Hill Christian Congregational Church, iberty, N. Car.
ior High and High School, King Street United Brethren Church, Chambersburg, Pa.
hany Evangelical United Brethren Church, Dover, Pa.
. Alto Sanatorium, Fayetteville, Pa.

Blue Seal

ung Leaders, Wylam Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, Ala.
een Pond Society, Green Pond, Ala.
ke Avenue Congregational Church, Pasadena, Calif.
lvary Reformed Church, Manteca, Calif.
inonia, Lake Avenue Congregational Church, Pasadena, Calif.
arin County Alumni, San Rafael, Calif.
dult, Woodlake Presbyterian Church, Woodlake, Calif.
ly Trinity Lutheran Church, Wilmington, Del.
termediate, Hillside Presbyterian Church, Denver, Colo.
ountain View Community Church, Denver, Colo.
ark V. Poling Post No. 64, Washington, D. C.
nior, Galbraith A.M.E. Zion Church, Washington, D. C.
olden Rule Union, Washington, D. C.
th Street Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.
rner Memorial Church, Washington, D. C.
on Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.
ue Light Bible School, Punta Gorda, Fla.
onolulu County Union, Honolulu, Hawaii
rritory of Hawaii Union, Honolulu, Hawaii
dult, Presbyterian Church of Our Saviour, Chicago Heights, Ill.
enior-Young People's, Ebenezer Reformed Church, Morrison, Ill.
unior, First Reformed Church, South Holland, Ill.
enior, Cross Evangelical and Reformed Church, Berne, Ind.
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ntermediate, Annville Reformed Church, Annville, Ky.
Senior, Annville Reformed Church, Annville, Ky.
Adkins Reformed Church, Gray Hawk, Ky.
Gray Hawk Reformed Church, Gray Hawk, Ky.
Shady Grove General Baptist Church, Poole, Ky.
Adult and Junior, Buckingham Presbyterian Church, Berlin, Md.
Central United Brethren Church, Rohrersville, Md.
Senior High, West Medford Baptist Church, West Medford, Mass.
Seventh Day Baptist Church, Battle Creek, Mich.
Junior, Maplewood Reformed Church, Holland, Mich.
Bethel Community Church, Newberry, Mich.
Ferry Memorial Reformed Church, Whitehall, Mich.
Junior, Calvary United Brethren Church of Lake Odessa, Mich.
Senior, Clinton Avenue Presbyterian Church, Newark, N. J.
Junior, Second Reformed Church, Somerville, N. J.
Young People's, Second Reformed Church, Somerville, N. J.
Young People's, Broadway Tabernacle Church, New York, N. Y.
Young People's, Olivet Presbyterian Church, Staten Island, N. Y.
Park Hill Reformed Church, Yonkers, N. Y.
Young Adult Union of High Point, N. Car.
Adult, First Evangelical United Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio
Sixth United Presbyterian Church, Cleveland, Ohio
Young People's, West Second Avenue Presbyterian Church, Columbus, Ohio
Adult, Presbyterian Church, Covington, Ohio
Junior, Southern Hills Evangelical United Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio
Ye Olde Tymers of Montgomery County, Dayton, Ohio
Otterbein United Brethren Church, Rockford, Ohio
Geyers Chapel, Smithville, Ohio
Kunkle United Brethren Church, West Unity, Ohio
Intermediate, Garrison Road United Brethren Church, Fort Erie, Ont.
Central United Church, Sarnia, Ont.
Lambton County Fellowship, Sarnia, Ont.
Lambton County Union, Sarnia, Ont.
Bruce Union, Tiverton, Ont.
4th of Bruce, United Brethren Evangelico, Tiverton, Ont.
Oakwood Society, Toronto, Ont.
First United Brethren in Christ Church, Philomath, Oreg.
First Presbyterian Church, Ambridge, Pa.
Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon, Pa.
Eberly's Mill Church of God, Camp Hill, Pa.
Adult, King Street United Brethren Church, Chambersburg, Pa.
Young People's, King Street United Brethren Church, Chambersburg, Pa.
Youth Fellowship, Pennsville Evangelical United Brethren Church, Connellsvile, Pa.
First Reformed Church, Easton, Pa.
Luzerne County High School Union, Edwardsville, Pa.
Bell Memorial Presbyterian Church, Ellwood City, Pa.
Senior-Young People's, Seibert Evangelical Congregational Church, Emmaus, Pa.
Mt. Pleasant United Brethren Church, Fayetteville, Pa.
Adult, Zion's Evangelical Reformed Church, Greenville, Pa.
Hanover Branch, York County Union, Hanover, Pa.
St. Bartholomew's Union Church, Hanover, Pa.
St. David's Union Church, Hanover, Pa.
St. Paul's (Dub's) Church, Hanover, Pa.
Youth Fellowship, Colonial Park Evangelical United Brethren Church, Harrisburg, Pa.
St. John's Lutheran Church, Hoernerstown, Pa.
Six Societies, Westmoor Church of Christ, Kingston, Pa.
West Side Union, Kingston, Pa.
Young People's, First Evangelical Congregational Church, Lebanon, Pa.
Junior High and Young People's, Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Lititz, Pa.
Trindle Spring Lutheran Church, Mechanicsburg, Pa.
Coolspring Presbyterian Church, Mercer, Pa.
Unity Presbyterian Church, Mercer, Pa.
Alumni Association of Luzerne County, Nanticoke, Pa.
Mt. Tabor Society, New Holland, Pa.
Harmony Presbyterian Church, Perryopolis, Pa.
Adult, Fifth Moravian Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
Young People's, First Presbyterian Church of Olney, Philadelphia, Pa.
Manayunk Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
Senior Northeast Branch Union, Philadelphia, Pa.
Philadelphia Intermediate Union, Philadelphia, Pa.
Alumni, St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
West Branch Junior Union, Philadelphia, Pa.
Junior High, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
Intermediate, Zion Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
Alumni, Zion Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
Westminster Fellowship, Ridley Park Presbyterian Church, Prospect Park, Pa.
Montgomery County Union, Royersford, Pa.
Friedensaal's Lutheran Church, Seven Valleys, Pa.
Senior, St. Luke's Evangelical Congregational Church, Shillington, Pa.
Senior, Central Methodist Church, South Connellsville, Pa.
Grace Evangelical United Brethren Church, Uriah, Pa.
Luzerne County Senior Union, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
Senior High, Mt. Washington United Brethren Church, York, Pa.
St. Paul Congregational Church, Roscoe, S. Dak.
Evangelical and Reformed Church, Belvidere, Tenn.
Greater Dallas Union, Dallas, Texas
Junior, Lisbon Presbyterian Church, Dallas, Texas
Harris County Union, Houston, Texas
Maurertown Brethren Church, Maurertown, Va.

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Progress Ahead . . .

Christian Endeavor Committees at Worl

Christian Endeavor is a "learn by doing" organization. Society members serve on committees and participate in the work. Everyone takes part and everyone learns.

What committees are needed to carry out the work of a society effectively? What are the duties of these committees? Here is an outline of the five basic committees which are necessary to keep any society functioning smoothly. Study it carefully. Put it into operation. When these five committees are well organized and hard at work, there will be progress ahead for any society.

For a more detailed study of committees, consult *Christian Endeavor Essentials.*

Devotional (Worship or Program) Committee

The members of this committee shall have a deep personal devotion to Jesus Christ and express that loyalty openly on all suitable occasions. This committee shall be wide-awake, inventive, widely-read, persevering, and tactful.

The objective of this committee shall be to improve constantly the Christian Endeavor devotional meetings, and to further the private devotional life that leads to the improvement of all activities of the society.

The duties of this committee are to:

1. Be responsible for the spiritual life of the society.
2. Appoint leaders and assign topics in advance.
3. Arrange appropriate special music and a variation in the meetings so as to maintain spiritual interest.
4. Promote and encourage the "Quiet Hour" observance.
5. Arrange for prayer groups and assist the leaders in planning the regular meetings.
6. Arrange for such devotional meetings as shall be held by the society other than the weekly prayer meetings.

Lookout (or Membership) Committee

The members of this committee shall express a spirit of friendliness, tact, patience, earnestness, perseverance, and good-will. There must be love toward God and love toward others.

The objective of this committee shall be to look *up* for Divine guidance and help; to look *in* the society to keep the loyalty of the members; to look *out* for new members.

The duties of this committee are to:

1. Constantly strive to secure new members from among the young people of the Sunday school, church, and the community.
2. Obtain the signature of new members to the pledge.
3. Introduce new members to the work of the society.
4. See that all members are faithful in attendance to all meetings of the society, especially the consecration meeting.
5. Look out for new ideas and better methods and recommend the same to the proper committees.
6. Cooperate with the pastor and church in seeking to win the Associate members to Christ and to active membership of the society.
7. Cultivate an evangelistic spirit among the members.

Missionary Committee

The members of this committee shall be especially missionary-minded and shall read, study, give, and pray for missions.

The objective of this committee shall be to promote the missionary meetings, mission study, giving to missions, praying for missions, and the actual doing of missionary work and projects.

The duties of this committee are to:

1. Awaken an intelligent missionary enthusiasm among the Christian Endeavor members.
2. Provide for Christian Endeavor missionary meetings, organize mission study classes, present missionary information and literature, stimulate prayer for missions.
3. Promote visitation to various institutions.
4. Advance the cause of temperance and other social refo issues.
5. Cultivate friendly racial relations at home and abroad.
6. Support the missionary project of world-wide Christ Endeavor.

Social (or Recreational) Committee

The members of this committee shall express the spirit friendliness, love and service, and have the ability to make oth "feel at ease."

The objective of this committee shall be to seek to get cl to people in order to bring them to Christ or help them to better Christians.

The duties of this committee are to:

1. Develop the spirit of fellowship among the members the society.
2. See that new members and visitors are welcomed to meetings.
3. Arrange to conduct such social and recreational activit as are approved by the church.
4. Cultivate friendly relations with other societies.
5. Carefully guard against "cliques" or the "caste spirit" the meetings.
6. Provide social and recreational life for the underprivileg of the community.
7. Provide constructive activities such as hobbies, nat study and music.

Church Activity Committee

The members of this committee shall be concerned about t local church of which the society is a part. This committee p real meaning into the Christian Endeavor motto, "For Christ a the Church," and into the third cardinal principle, "Loyalty Christ's Church."

The objective of this committee shall be the organizati and promotion of service by the Endeavorers to the local chur

The duties of this committee are to:

1. Provide for whatever help the minister needs.
2. Assist in the church office.
3. Supply Sunday school teachers and assistants.
4. Promote consistent church attendance by Endeavorers.
5. Provide ushers, choir members, and special music needed.
6. Help with cleaning, repair, and maintenance work f your church building.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS—Members of International Society's E ecutive Committee are pictured at meeting March 1-2 in Philadelphi Pennsylvania. First row (left to right)—B. McClain Cochran, Robert Ross, Harold E. Westerhoff, Rev. Earle W. Gates, Mrs. Ernest R. Brya Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, Rev. Elwood Dunn. Second row—Cecil A. Jeffer Dr. Gene Stone, Dr. R. W. Rash, Norman Klauder, Alden E. Imus, Carr M. Wright, Merritt L. Smith. Third row—Gordon McMordie, president Pennsylvania Union, Rev. George L. Blackwell, Albert Day, Eugene Alhart, Julian Moran.

The Church Courageous

HOW audacious the Christian Church has been, and continues to be! It engages an unending struggle for spiritual wholeness, purity, justice and freedom. Christian believers are usually won, one at a time, individuals, but the Church goes beyond this in trying to create a climate in which Christians can live.

For the first time in history there are more than 100 million in the United States who are members of religious bodies, including about 58 million Protestants and 33 million Roman Catholics. Even with such numerical strength, the Church still needs courage whenever it seeks to project its ideals into the social order.

CHRISTIAN courage flows from Christ Himself. These are among the teachings of Jesus to which the Church turns for its commission to save men from sin and to cleanse and heal: Matthew 17:20; 19:26; 10:7, 38, 39; Mark 9:23; 12:29, 31; 16:15-18; 28:19, 20; Luke 6:27-38; 11:9, 10; John 3:16; 14:12, 13.

The Church's unique position, to quote Dr. Daniel Jenkins of England, is "that while it stands in the midst of the everyday life of the world, it yet makes unusual claims for itself and displays unusual qualities in justification for them. It is a society of men . . . which claims to be founded by God . . . The church claims that it has come into being through the action of God in Jesus Christ and that God continues to guide and rule it in His Spirit. It also claims that it provides the chief means by which His purpose for mankind can be discovered and fulfilled." We must judge the Church by its fruits.

1. Bringing men closer to God. From the outset, Christ's Gospel and His Church challenged ideas that one's birth (whether in one nation or race, or some other) provided special status with the Almighty. Then, in the Early Church and among Protestants today, God is reached directly by the earnest believer, without the necessity for a priesthood or material sacrifices. Jesus is our Priest, our Interceder; the sacrifice was through His death, "a ransom for all."

2. Uniting Christians in a fellowship of believers. This fellowship, the Church, in its local and larger phases, preaches and teaches, evangelizes, conducts missions for teaching and healing, counsels and comforts, spreads Christian influences throughout the community and the world, and performs the Christian sacraments. Jesus prescribed no set form for the companies of believers. There are many types of religious bodies, among which there is now a greater unity than for many centuries. As an institution, the Church taken as a whole has been more democratic and more free from social and racial divisions than human society as a whole.

3. Leading mankind in efforts for freedom and social justice. In this continuing crusade to liberate and ennoble "all God's children" the Church has led communities and nations to cast out slavery, to raise women to equal status, to safeguard children, to provide education for all, to provide equal justice and protect minorities, and to improve the conditions of industrial and other workers. The Church's concern for ethics in daily life and for the weak, the ill and the aged has often been unpopular. Strong voices within the Church created a conscience against "social sin," overthrew tyrannies, and campaigned for better laws and for every citizen's right to vote and to hold public office. Courageous work is still needed, and will continue!

4. Leading the world toward peace with justice. Currents of nationalism and racism run so strong that the Church's crusade for peace calls for courage—a courage based on seeking "brotherhood of man within the Fatherhood of God." What progress might have been made toward lasting peace if the Church had remained silent and inactive is questionable.

5. Encouraging the concept of "life as a stewardship," including the practice of sacrificial giving. Our full-time force of Christian workers is a tribute both to those who have heard the call and to the Church which encourages and trains them and then stands behind them with gifts and prayers. Uncounted are the hosts who voluntarily contribute a tenth or some other generous portion of income to Christian causes. Also the Church shows courage in depending on lay people—volunteers—for much of its important service. The sharing of strength, ability, and money is not characteristic of institutions and movements which have their roots outside the Christian Church, and it is even less common in nations in which the Christian Church is weak numerically. Religious contributions in the United States in 1955 reached the 3-billion mark, of which 60 per cent represented gifts to Protestant church work. Overflow into charities, health and education brought total U. S. philanthropy in '55 to 5 billion from living donors, 6 billion from all sources. Canada also reports generous contributions.

6. Aiding devotional living. Does it take courage for the Church to urge people to pray and to read the Bible daily? In a society which rates material things so high, many will tag such an emphasis "old-fashioned." Pastors and Christian Endeavor leaders and others have been termed "busybodies" when they suggested a commitment to daily personal devotions. But courage in the Church is making headway. Often heard today are testimonies like "I face every personal crisis with prayer for strength and wisdom."

All along the line the Church courageous—the Church dynamic—marshals forces endowed with spiritual strength to help build a better world.

The Church dares to be different. It risks unpopularity, even persecution, in order to do good.

Paul's counsel, in I Corinthians 16:13, is being heeded: "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong!"

WITH YOUNG ADULTS - - - By Bert H. Davis

Introducing . .

ALBERT DAY, associate president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, who hails from Ridgeway, Ontario.

A personable young bachelor, Al was valedictorian of his high school class and in 1950 was a summa cum laude graduate from Huntington College (Indiana) where he majored in English.

Since graduation Al has been associated with the Provincial Gas Company, producers and distributors of natural gas. Recently he was transferred to the Fort Erie office to head the gas accounting department.

Albert Day

His activities in Christian Endeavor are many. Now president of the Ontario Union, he has been on their executive since 1951. He is a member of International Society's Executive Committee and of the Educational Committee.

For six years he has served as assistant to the minister of his home church, Niagara Circuit United Brethren, in charge of music (organist and choir director) and helping with youth work (nine Christian Endeavor societies). He is also Secretary of Christian Education for the Ontario Conference of his denomination.

When asked about leisure-time activities Al said, "I enjoy moments of relaxation playing the piano and organ, directing one of my three choirs, collecting stamps to mount in my old age, writing occasional gospel choruses, and collecting fifty-cent pieces to finance my next trip, usually to a Christian Endeavor convention."

Indicative of the kind of person he is, his father insists that Al never walks, always runs, or drives his car (usually too fast).

His specialty is his own brand of hot egg sandwiches, which he describes as a hybrid developed by crossing an omelet and a western sandwich and topping it with cheese and lettuce.

This versatile young man lists I John 3:2 as his favorite Bible verse.

"The Church vs. War" is the topic of With Young Adults for May. Watch for this in the next issue of THE WORLD.

How to Grow as a Christian

No. 2 in a Series: "Being a Christian"

Ephesians 4:11-16; I Peter 2:1,2
(Vocations Sunday)

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *MAY*

Comments by Raymond C. Steinhart

Briefing the Leader

1. Consult your pastor on some ideas pertaining to growth in the grace and knowledge of God.
2. How would you spot Christian growth in the life of another? In your own life?
3. Interview about five people to uncover ways of growing spiritually tall.

Biblical References

Two references are given that have a definite bearing on the topic. In Ephesians 4:11-16 Paul specifies some of the gifts which Christ bestowed. Some were apostles. These received extraordinary gifts and the power of working miracles. He sent them forth to spread the Gospel and to plant and govern churches. Some were prophets. They expounded the writings of the Old Testament and foretold things to come. The evangelists went everywhere proclaiming the Gospel in all its simplicity and power. Some were pastors. They became heads of particular churches, guiding, instructing, and feeding them as Christ appointed. The teachers were those who instructed the people by way of exhortation. All of this indicates the great love and kindness Christ has for His Church.

A church is not to be like a lake without an outlet, a mere glass in which the sky is reflected, but rather like a reservoir that yields what it receives for the health of mankind. Every member should have something to do. Every Christian is to be a channel of blessing to others.

In I Peter 2:1,2 we are told to "desire the sincere milk of the word that we may grow thereby." Growth is gradual. A child does not become a man at one bound; a picture is not painted by the magic of a single stroke; a building is not reared by one single, supreme effort; nor does the oak tree mature in a single day. "Line upon line, layer upon layer, here a little and there a little" is the way all things move toward maturity and perfection.

Basic Material

This is the second topic in the unit, "Being a Christian." Our first topic was "How to Know I Am a Christian." Today we consider "How to Grow as a Christian." During the Easter season many individuals will accept Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. They will need guidance and instruction in order to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

There was a baby in New York that was fed on elephant's milk. It gained 100 pounds in a few weeks—but then, it was a baby elephant to begin with. A human baby could not have grown that rapidly, even if it had been fed on elephant's milk. Just so you may feed a man, woman, or child on the best food for a child of God, but he will not grow like a child of God unless he is a child of God, through faith in Christ, to begin with.

BASIS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What would you consider as positive evidence of Christian growth?
2. What steps would you recommend for the young Christian in order to make a success of the Christian life?
3. What procedures should be followed in the selection of one's vocation?
4. Is this statement true or false: "If you're green you grow; but if you're ripe you rot"? Explain its meaning.
5. How can you tell if a Christian is not growing in the grace and knowledge of the Lord?

Babies are sweet, but we do not want them to always be babies. We like to see them grow. Growth is the most decisive sign of life. A swelling bud, a beating pulse —this is proof.

We are not to be like children in weakness, waywardness, changeableness, and much else peculiar to childhood; rather we should be strong, robust, fixed, settled in our religious belief and manner of life. We are to stand like men and not to be tossed about like feeble children. This does not happen overnight.

1. *This growth is constant.* Day and night, summer and winter, in storm and calm, the principle is in operation. Often in moments of reflection one sees no growth within himself. Seemingly there appear to be no fresh blossoms and little or no fruit. And yet those may be the very moments that the roots are striking deeper and spreading wider in preparation of richer foliage and fruitage in the future. Always growing, although not always giving the same outward indication of growth—this is the law of the Saviour's kingdom.

2. *This growth is silent.* You can neither see it or hear its actual operation. How exciting to see the young Christian develop in ways of spiritual understanding. His private devotions add strength to his life. His service for Christ through the church in the community makes him very strong as a witness for the Son of God. His study of the Word of God gives him meat for strength and Christian activity. His attendance at worship gives him proper balance in a world of constant change.

All the time as he adds to his spiritual life he is growing silently. Perhaps it will not dawn upon him how much he has grown in the grace of God until the hour of temptation, the moment of sorrow and grief, the time of loneliness and desperation. Then with a new force it sweeps over him how much he has grown.

How would you like to go about dressed in the garb of an infant? How shocking! strange to see an adult in baby's clothing But God has too many of His children still in His nursery, sipping milk, when they should be growing up as stalwart souls eating the meat of His truth that gives strength. Too many people within the church are wearing bibs when they should be wearing aprons indicating real service for Christ and His Church.

A hundred thousand tongues may describe to you the sweetness of honey, but it is only by actually tasting honey that you can have real knowledge of it. So a world full of books may tell you wonders about the things of God, but you can never understand them exactly except by the taste of experience.

Since this is Vocations Sunday we can well think of the aspect of Christian growth involved in selecting a vocation which is in accordance with the will of God. This, of course, might be full-time specialized service or it might be one of the many occupations in which God can be glorified. It was Calvin Coolidge who said, "All growth depends upon activity. There is no development physically or intellectually without effort, and effort means work. Work is not a curse; it is the prerogative of intelligence, the only means to manhood, and the measure of civilization."

Ask yourself this question, "How shall I serve my generation?" Do you feel the call of God to be a minister of the Gospel? Would you like to be a doctor? A diplomat? An executive? A secretary? A mechanist? A farmer? God calls by showing you the need for a certain service or work by giving you the basic abilities to meet that need, and by creating the circumstances to help you use and develop those abilities. No greater satisfaction can come to you than that which comes in your wholehearted response, "Here am I, send me." To be in the center of the will of God is the most wonderful position in all the world. It is a profitable experience to be a growing Christian.

Daily Readings

M., Apr. 29. Growth by Development. II Peter 1:5,6.
T., Apr. 30. Growth by Righteousness. Job 17:8,9.
W., May 1. A Plea for Growth. Hebrews 6:1-3,10-12.
T., May 2. Growth by Grace and Knowledge. II Peter 3:17,18.
F., May 3. Growth in Faith. II Thessalonians 1:3,4.
S., May 4. The Growth of Jesus. Luke 2:40,52.
Sun., May 5. Topic—How to Grow as a Christian. Ephesians 4:11-16; I Peter 2:1,2. (Vocations Sunday)

Backing the Project

1. Distribute the leaflet, "What Is a Life-work Recruit?" Explain the covenant on the back of the leaflet.
2. Endeavor to have at least three professions represented at this meeting. Conduct a question and answer period.

Best Illustrations

"A man who keeps his shoulder to the wheel is rarely seen giving others trouble. He's like a mule in the respect that when he is pulling he can't kick, and when he's kicking he can't pull." *Moody Monthly*

"Life is a measure to be filled, not a cup to be drained." *Fifth Wheel*

"Whatever He Would Have Me Do"

Acts 9:1-6
(Vocations Sunday)

ermediate (12-14 Years) *MAY 5*

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

king This Meeting Vital

ach year the first Sunday of May is wn as "Vocations Day" with a topic ch calls for study of one's lifework, and relationship to Christian living. On this we may well consider questions like

an one serve Christ through every occuion?

an one be too fussy about carrying out his ideals in the work-a-day world?

What vocations are open to young peotoday where they can be wholly Chris-?

How does one find a "Christian vocation" what do these words really mean?

good meeting will help young people face and in some measure answer real stions like these. The purpose will be help each member to recognize that ry worthy task done well is an oppority for service to Christ. It is a contrition to the building of the world for ich He lived, and worked, and prayed, died.

orship Hints

Music: *Just as I Am,* while all read the rds to the hymn beginning: "Just as I , Thine Own To Be." These may be itten on a blackboard or on a card, or lowed in the hymnal. Another hymn for s quiet period is *My Master Was a Work*by Rev. William G. Tarrant.

Leader: *(read while music continues tly)*

"God has His best things for the few
Who dare to stand the test;
He has His second choice for those
Who will not take His best.

"I want this short life of mine
As much as can be pressed
Of service true for God and man.
Help me to be my best!

Prayer: For light to help us discover every portunity in life to serve Christ.

Solo: *My Task.*

he Topic

The Christian will always ask, "What ould Christ wish me to make of my life?" he Bible records the call of God to many lifework. Moses was tending sheep in e desert when God called him to his lifework (Exodus 3:4) of leading the people Israel out of bondage in Egypt and rough the forty years of wilderness jourys. In contrast, Samuel was but a small d when God called him to be a great dge and prophet in Israel (I Samuel 3:4,-9).

God called many others such as Isaiah, eremiah, and Paul. Each such call is only convincing argument that God does have lifework for each of us and does extend s a call. The trouble is that many Chrisans are not looking for that call and thus ey miss God's best for them and have to ke God's second best.

OUR AIMS

1. To discover our talents and abilities.
2. To see what constitutes a call.
3. To know how we may be sure of God's plan.

QUESTIONS

1. What makes a vocation "Christian"?
2. Are there some types of work that a Christian could not do? What are some of them, if you think so? Why?
3. How can we know what God really wants us to do? How does God call us to do His work? Give some examples of the way in which God has called other people.
4. What are some of the greatest needs in our world today? Is there any way we can help to meet those needs?
5. Is it more Christian to be a minister or a missionary than to be a doctor or a farmer? Give the reasons for your answer. Are ministers and missionaries needed today?
6. How can the Bible give you help in choosing your lifework?
7. A workman once said "My business is serving God. I work here to pay expenses." Discuss this attitude.
8. Is there any position in life where a person cannot serve Christ?
9. What should a Christian young person do when asked to follow certain practices which are contrary to his ideals?

The Apostle Paul illustrates the inquiring spirit revealed in the title of this topic when he said: "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" (Acts 9:6). The Bible teaches that Christians can know the will of God (Romans 12:2). The apostle Paul illustrated that the will of God can be known when he wrote, "That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God." (Romans 15:32). Similar illustrations of guidance from the Lord may be found in I Corinthians 4:19; 16:7.

The Will of God in All Lifework

Many Christian young people make the mistake of thinking that God leads only into full-time Christian service, as it has been called. That this opinion is not true is seen by the words of God, through Paul, "Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called" (I Corinthians 7:20; see also v.24). Every good, honest work may be one to which God may call us. God needs businessmen, doctors, nurses, mechanics to carry out His program. The important thing is to find what God wants us to do and then do it.

From the Book of Books

M., Apr. 29. Exhortation to Labor. II Thessalonians 3:10-12.
T., Apr. 30. Church Related Vocations. Ephesians 4:11,12.
W., May 1. Honorable Labor. Proverbs 13:11.
T., May 2. A Woman in Business. Acts 16:14,15.
F., May 3. God's Will and Our Business. James 4:13-15.
S., May 4. A Christian Business Man. Philemon 1-6.
Sun., May 5. Topic—"Whatever He Would Have Me Do." Acts 9:1-6. (Vocations Sunday)

Making Lifework Decisions

When we have a decision to make we often seek the advice and counsel of our pastor, teacher, or friends who know the Lord. While their counsel, out of their experience, is most valuable, it is no substitute for the guidance of the Word of God and of God Himself working through the mind of the yielded believer. Always seek the help of the Word of God first, then turn to your friends for counsel. The final choice of a lifework is squarely up to you. So important and personal a decision should never be made for you. Too many people are unhappy in their work because somebody else decided what they ought to do.

Know Thyself

The ancient Greek philosopher Socrates offered sound advice when he said, "Know thyself." Before you can know the type of work for which you are best suited you must discover many important things about yourself. A careful study of yourself includes an examination of your whole person, including your strengths and your weaknesses, your liabilities and your potentialities.

Your school record will offer valuable clues as to your interests and abilities. What elective subjects did you choose in school? Why did you choose them? Of all the subjects you have studied in school which did you like best? What subjects did you like least? (Be careful not to confuse dislike for a particular teacher with dislike for the subject.) In what subjects did you make the highest marks? Are these also the subjects you liked the most?

Hobbies are another source of information. How do you spend your leisure hours? Are any of your hobbies related to an occupation? Generally, what is play for one person is work for another. Many vocational plans have grown out of leisure pursuits.

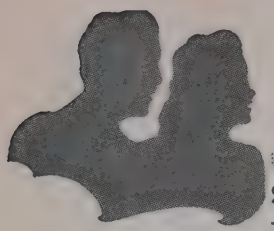
A Short Play

Have a young man come in, sit in the chair and look through the books while he waits for a client. Three young people come to him for help.

1. A young woman who feels she has been called into Christian service, but does not want to wait until she is through school. She wants to start to serve now. The counselor tells her of all the avenues of service open—summer mission projects, vacation church school aid, caravans, etc.

2. A young man who is undecided about what he should do. He does not feel that he has been called to do a special work, but he does not want his life to be a failure. He is told how important it is to be a Christian wherever he is. In any work he can witness by doing his best, being honest, reliable, and courteous.

3. A young woman who feels that she is called by the Lord for something special, but who feels that she has no talent. She is told that if God has called her, He will supply her needs, and that He wants her to dedicate what she has.



A Democratic Family

Ephesians 6:1-4; Colossians 3:18-21; Exodus 20:12
(Christian Home Sunday)

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *MAY*

Comments by Raymond C. Steinhart

Briefing the Leader

1. Consult some of your friends for ideas on making the family truly democratic.
2. Check your city library for some outstanding pamphlets on home life and see what can be applied to your family.
3. Write down at least five things that you think are wrong in family life today. What do you think is right in family life?

Biblical References

In Ephesians 6:1-4 we have admonitions to both children and to parents. Children owe their parents an inward affection and regard. Their obedience should flow from love, gratitude, and esteem. Parents are not only to instruct their children, but should endeavor by every means to help their children live according to these instructions. Parents ought to set a good example on the Lord's Day and be regular in their attendance at the worship services of the church. They should make every Sunday count as family day in the House of the Lord.

The family is the germ cell of the nation. If children honor their parents, men and women will be trained to those habits of order and obedience which are the true security of the public peace.

The second reference is from Colossians 3:18-21. Paul begins with the duties of wives and husbands, v. 18. They must love each other with tender and faithful affection as Christ loved the Church. Fathers are urged to discipline their children with kindness and gentleness.

The third reference is in Exodus 20:12. Long days upon the earth is the promise to all who honor their parents. We need to re-echo these words in the ears of all youth today, lest they forget. Honor is the finest kind of monument you can erect in remembrance of father and mother.

Basic Material

Christian Home Sunday is the reason for this topic. This second Sunday in May is also recognized as Mother's Day. With broken homes all around us, strife, bitterness, and unhappiness, it is good to think about "a democratic family." A democracy refers to a government in which the supreme power is held by the people. So a democratic family would be one in which all have a part in the development and maintenance of the home and family.

The home is the oldest institution in the world. It was instituted by God Himself in Eden before the fall of man into sin. It has stood down through the centuries and it still stands today. However, the home of today is far from what it should be. In many instances that which is said to be a home is very little more than a boarding house.

Byron said, "Without hearts there is no home." Washington Irving wrote, "It was the policy of the good old gentleman to make his children feel that home was the happiest place in the world; and I value this delicious home feeling as one of the choicest gifts a parent can bestow." From the pen of Spurgeon come these words, "When home is ruled according to God's word, angels might be asked to stay with us, and they would not find themselves out of their element." "The family circle is the supreme conductor of Christianity," says Henry Drummond.

Let's think about two families.

1. The Family Jesus Visited. The family of Bethany stands out as a beacon light in a darkened world. It is exciting to think of Jesus being there. He came to Bethany after the labors of the day, and there He felt at home.

The family at Bethany consisted of a brother and two sisters. They were happy because Jesus loved them. This is the essence of real happiness, rather than riches or any temporal distinction. His love is no empty sentiment, for those whom Jesus loves He blesses.

How rare are families whom Jesus loves! Individual believers are numerous, but households of faith are rare. Why? Is it because there is so little of family worship? A democratic family ought to be concerned about the spiritual needs of all. Jesus found comfort and refreshment in the home at Bethany.

2. The Home of Mary, the Mother of John (Acts 12:12). Here was a home to which people instinctively went when they were in need. When Peter discovered what God had done in the amazing, miraculous deliverance from jail, when he stood there a free man and yet in desperate need of help, he came to the house of Mary, the mother of John.

How fortunate to be a part of a praying family. Mary's home was a home in which people knelt in prayer. "He came to the house of Mary, the mother of John, where they were gathered together pr[ay]ing." The home was marked by serenity a[nd] strength, an absence of strain and rush. [In] such a home there is gentleness in conv[er]sation, sweetness in spirit, and gracio[us]ness in manner. Could that be your hon[e]? Everything did not just center around th[e] own little family circle, with their troub[les] and complaints. There was always a c[on]cern for other people. That is why oth[ers] went there frequently.

In the democratic family, where 'l[ove] prevails, there is always the possibility [of] definite service to others. The home [of] Mary, the mother of John whose surna[me] was Mark, was a home that was a t[rue] center and base of missionary operati[ons]. Here was a mother who desired dee[ply] that her son might blaze a trail for Chr[ist].

Think of the families in your own chur[ch]. There was a day when the family pew w[as] very popular. But today in many quart[ers] it has vanished. There was a day wh[en] the family altar was in operation. Fath[er] read from the Scriptures and the memb[ers] of the family offered prayers. In ma[ny] homes this has vanished. Many you[ng] people have no conception of a family alt[ar]. The test of a church is not its crowds [or] its money nor its preacher, but its hon[es]ty and its families. How rich are we in ter[ms] of Christian families?

Has God been looking through the w[in]dows of your home today? Is it possib[le] that He sees that we do not have wh[at] people want? Would the needy and th[ose] in difficulty come to our home for sp[ir]itual strength and guidance?

Let's strive to make ours a democra[tic] family. Each one is important in that fa[m]ily. Family authority is recognized. T[he] members have a great deal of respect f[or] each other. Love is deep and very sacri[fi]cial. That family goes to church a[nd] strives to please God in all their relatio[n]ships. Church-going families generally st[ay] together.

BASIS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How would you define a democratic family?
2. How much freedom should young people have in the democratic family?
3. What would you consider to be the essential elements that make up a democratic family?
4. About how many families in your church are regular in their attendance upon the worship services?
5. Can a democratic family be too good to the children and thereby hurt them? If so, what is meant by being too good?

Bible Portions

M., May 6. Mutual Helpfulness. I Peter 5:5-7.
T., May 7. A Home of Affection. John 11:1-5; 12:1-3.
W., May 8. The Value of Teamwork. I Corinthians 3:3-7.
T., May 9. Instruction in the Home. Proverbs 1:7-9.
F., May 10. Family Joy. Proverbs 23:22-26.
S., May 11. Parents as Friends. Proverbs 4:1-13.
Sun., May 12. Topic—A Democratic Family. Ephesians 6:1-4; Colossians 3:18-21; Exodus 20:12. (Christian Home Sunday)

Backing the Project

1. Have your young people write a 30[0]-word essay on the theme, "The Ideal Fa[m]ily." They are to give expression to th[eir] own dreams and visions in regard to fa[m]ily life. Give some reward for the be[st] essay.
2. Consult your pastor and stress fami[ly] night in Christian Endeavor. Get your s[o]ciety to push the idea of family day [in] the worship services.

Best Illustrations

"I once made a statement in a count[y] church that I thought I could almost ide[n]tify those who were members of lar[ge] families, as I looked over my audien[ce]. 'You see,' I explained, 'in meetings su[ch] as this members of big families are n[ot] usually end seat pretenders. They move t[o] in the pew and make room for other perso[ns] just as they have had to do in the fami[ly] all of their lives.' "—*Jane Simpson McKinn[ey]*

"Good family life is in the last resort th[e] nation's most precious asset." *Collis* an[d] *Poole.*

Parents for a Day

Colossians 3:18-21; Exodus 20:12
(Christian Home Sunday)

ermediate (12-14 Years) *MAY 12*

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

ir Meeting Plans

Mother's Day and Christian Home Sun- y provide a big day for Junior High ieties. Plan ahead and make this Guest y with parents as guests. At the close the regular lesson study ask the minister conduct a group discussion in which may participate. The purpose of this uld be a frank attempt to determine w parents and young people can get to- ther and work "on the same team."

ggested Program

elude: *Bless This House*
mn: *O Happy Home Where Thou Art Loved the Dearest*
riptural Thought (from memory): Prov. 2:1 and 9; Prov. 3:1 and 2
ader: Joy comes to him who loves and cherishes the good of those around him and as with the Master, must love them more than himself.
ripture Reading: I Corinthians 13 (from memory)
ayer
lks and Discussion
ecial Music: *I Love a Little Cottage*
nsecration Period

ur Part in Making Our Home ore Christian

Let us begin the discussion by checking ose attitudes from the following list which e believe to be most essential for the pro- uction of a Christian spirit in the home.

Check those you feel to be important.

1. I did not ask to come into the world; erefore it is up to my parents to provide r me.
2. I am so busy in my school work that have no time to do anything around the use.
3. My father won't help with the house- ork, so why should I?
4. The principle that you must look out ter "number one" applies in the home s well as elsewhere.
5. Most that I have I owe to my par- nts; therefore, it is just plain ordinary de- ency for me to do all I can to help them.
6. I want to do my best in my home ecause unless I do that the chances are will not do my best anywhere.
7. I know I am happy when I share my est with others and therefore I will do in my home.
8. My mother and father have done so uch for me and they seem to enjoy it, so am going to do something for them be- ause I believe I will enjoy it.
9. I know that I will be greatly in- uenced by my environment; therefore I m going to do all I can to make it as ne as possible.
10. The Bible says: "Honor thy father nd mother, and thy days shall be long n the earth." I am going to try to live y it because I believe that is true.

Discuss this list.

OUR AIMS

1. To observe Christian Home Sunday properly.
2. To see how families can be fun.
3. To understand how parents can be friends.

QUESTIONS

1. Do you have family worship in your home, either as a group or as individuals?
2. Do you have certain specific tasks around the home for which you are responsible?
3. Does your whole family ever go on trips or vacations together? Describe.
4. Do you, or you and your brothers and sisters, ever plan surprises or special treats for your parents?
5. Are there friends or relatives for whom your family acts as an "adopted family"—by inviting them for vacations, for holidays, and in other ways?
6. Do you sit with your family regularly in church?
7. Why do you find it hard to talk with your parents?
8. What are some projects families can work on together?
9. Do you know a family that seems pretty wonderful? What makes them that way?

How Can We Make Our Parents, Brothers and Sisters Happy?

(This might be a panel discussion using Intermediates and parents.)

A. The family council is an effective means of sharing family life. Each member presents his particular problems and the entire family assists in clearing them. There's great value in the give-and-take of this process and it is good training for the future.

B. Sharing hobbies is a possible family activity. If John likes woodcraft the family can help him fix up his shop, get special tools, look out for patterns of things he might make. If Mary keeps a movie-star scrapbook the family can save pictures for her. A family I know used to have hobby shows of their own. When certain guests were in the home, the family members helped each other display their respective hobbies. You've no idea how interesting it was.

C. I know a family who collects cartoons. If one of them finds an especially good cartoon he places it on the table at father's place. As the family gathers for dinner they have a good laugh over it. Cartoons are filed away until the family takes a night off to make them into scrapbooks for shut-in friends or for hospital gifts.

D. The activity I had in mind is working together. Work can be in the nature of service projects as you mentioned, but it can also be something for the family's recreation or comfort, as the conversion of the attic into a game room, reclamation of old furniture, making bird baths or rock gardens. Or it might be a simple project like cooking dinner and washing the dishes. That's successful because we've tried it. Everything happens when the whole family gets into the kitchen. The cooking isn't always what we expected but we have a grand time.

E. But the most valuable sharing is in family worship. Sometimes the family meets for a brief period of prayer. It may be at the table if that is the only time the entire family is together. There may be moments in the family council when it will be natural to turn to prayer for solutions. Singing hymns together, reading the Bible aloud, discussing phases of Christian living may be forms of family worship. But the important thing is that families worship together. At the family altar they will find closer bonds than in any other activity.

For the Quiet Hour

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The Folks Said No

The gang was going to the lake for a Sunday afternoon outing. We were included in their plans and took the natural course of going along without question. But our parents said we could go if we would be back for Christian Endeavor Sunday evening at 6:30. We knew we just couldn't make that hour and go to the lake, too.

Our first reaction was that parents are such "meanies." We said some hasty and angry words to them. Then we began to sense that when we were born our parents accepted the responsibility to see that we became a fine, Christian person. They are serious about this task, so we began to admit that our folks did have some good motives for things they do. If they didn't care for us they wouldn't care what we did.

Then we began to see we needed to be Christian enough to go the second mile. Growing into understanding with our parents helped us to know that "Love bears all things, believes all things, endures all things. Love never ends; . . ." Each time it seemed to be easier to ask privileges from our parents for we knew they trusted us. The prize was not only our independence, but a much greater thing, a truly Christ-like character.

A Good Resource

A recent book of suggestions which would provide many ideas for a profitable evening is *The Family Pleasure Chest* by Eisenberg.

Write to the Joint Dept. of Family Life, National Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y., for suggestions and leaflets.

My Community: a Mission Field

Matthew 28:18-20; Matthew 25:34-40

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *MAY 1*

Comments by Raymond C. Steinhart

Briefing the Leader

1. Have you any idea as to how many people are unchurched in your community? Try to find out.

2. Do the churches in your community have services on Sunday night? If not, how do you think people feel about having the church doors closed on Sunday night ?

3. How long has your church been operating in the community? What would you consider a wide-awake church in a community today? How would you classify your church?

Biblical References

Our references come from the Gospel of Matthew. In Matthew 28:18-20 the disciples keep their appointment with Jesus Christ in Galilee. He came near to them and assured them of His power. This made their faith triumph over their fears. Now He commissions them and sends them forth as His ambassadors, "Go ye therefore . . ." With the freshness of the resurrection power upon Him, He bids men to look at mankind and conquer the world for Him.

We should know something about the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth. The community of which we are a vital part needs to hear and know this Gospel. Our communities house many families that have not been reached by the power of this Gospel. They stand in need of Jesus Christ and someone must tell them about Him. It is not "Let them come if they will and receive the Gospel," but "Go forth, leave all, and proclaim the Gospel." Go forth into your community and do your best for Christ and His Church.

Our second reference, Matthew 25:34-40, has to do with a throne of glory, v. 31. At this moment we think in terms of the throne of grace. But here we see the scene change. Christ sits as the judge of all the earth, and from every age and from all parts of the earth each person must be summoned before Him.

You may be ridiculed and laughed at by certain people in the community, you may be criticized for your stand in witnessing for Christ; but just remember that you are the blessed of God, v. 34. Study this portion with an open mind. The happiness he speaks about must be very great for it is the product of the divine counsels. There is great preparation made for the full happiness of God's people in the kingdom of glory. Your work for Christ in the community will not go unnoticed. Even a cup of water given in His name has its reward.

Basic Material

This topic is presented in connection with the emphasis of the Joint Commission on Missionary Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ. Books on this theme may be secured through denominational bookstores or through the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

BASIS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What can your society do in presenting Jesus Christ in a more direct way to your community?

2. What community projects could be undertaken to make your community more Christian?

3. About how many people go to church in your community? What is being done to reach the unchurched of your community?

4. Why should we undertake community work in the name of Jesus Christ and His Church?

5. Do Christians ever give up trying to reach the unreached for Christ? Have you ever tried to win some of the indifferent? How long did your concern for them last?

Both the word "mission" and the word "missionary" come from a Latin word which means "to send." A missionary, therefore, is one sent by the Lord to preach His Gospel to the lost. Mission work is work done by the sent ones.

Today, as we consider the community as a mission field, we should not forget the fundamental fact that each child of God should be a missionary in that community telling forth in varied ways the pure Gospel of Jesus Christ. Your community is a part of the world. If the church fails to reach out and bring in new people it is sure to die out. It is the business of the Church to bring the Gospel message into the world and to seek to lead men and women everywhere to Christ.

There are different ways in which missionary work may be carried on in your community. First of all, every local, Christ-loving, Christ-exalting church should be missionary in spirit and in work. The members of the church should not be satisfied with giving the Gospel to those who perchance may come through their doors. They should go out into the by-ways and the hedges to find the lost and bring them in to Christ. This is not the job of one, but of all. No pastor is big enough to carry this full responsibility without the cooperation of a people zealous of good works and full of eagerness to serve Christ in the community.

Because it is often hard to get the indifferent into the church to hear the Gospel, we must reach them in other ways. We suggest several ways of reaching people for Christ and His Church.

1. Open Air Meetings. Not too many people are interested in this phase of missionary work. A group of ten or fifteen go to some busy corner and then sing and sp in an endeavor to reach people for Chri Many have been won to Christ in this wa This type of work takes a little extra cou age. Few people have what it takes to w ness on a street corner to the power Christ's Gospel.

2. Rescue Mission Work. Perhaps the is a rescue mission in your town. As a ru they reach the "down and out" who are great need of Jesus Christ. Sometimes th feed the hungry and clothe the poor. The most important work, however, is preachi the Gospel. They believe in its power. Bil Sunday was saved in a mission in Chicag Dwight L. Moody made it the rule of l life to always speak to someone about Jes Christ each day. Perhaps your Christia Endeavor society could take charge of o of these mission services. The men of t mission who have this responsibility appr ciate this kind of support and cooperatio

3. Gospel Tract Distribution. Here is field that is sadly neglected. It is a mini try of rich profit for each time you ha out a Gospel tract you give the Holy Spi a wonderful opportunity to bring that i dividual under the conviction of sin. goodly number of people have been won Jesus Christ and His Church through t reading of a Gospel tract. Consult your pa tor about the proper selection of tracts.

4. Community Projects. These shou have the ring of the Gospel in them. The is a men's Bible class which is sponsori four Thursday nights with Billy Graha Each week one of Billy Graham's soun color films will be presented. Here is a com munity project with a real message. Th would make a wonderful project for a Christian Endeavor society. You can secu these films on a rental basis.

Every Christian is called to work for t Lord. You need not travel far to work f Him. In your own community, close your own door, there is a place of servi for everyone. Ask God for guidance as yo seek to minister in His name.

From God's Book

M., May 13. A Happy Community. Psalm 144:11-15.

T., May 14. Treatment of Strangers. Leviticus 19:33,34.

W., May 15. An Example of Good Deeds. Acts 9:36-43.

T., May 16. Prayer and Healing. James 5:13-16.

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S., May 18. Winning Souls for Christ. Acts 2:37-47.

Sun., May 19. Topic—My Community: a Mission Field. Matthew 28:18-20. Matthew 25:34-40.

Backing the Project

1. Why not sponsor a series of commun ity projects, speakers, sound films, missio ary conferences, etc., in order to reach man with the Gospel?

2. Select a good series of Gospel trac and organize a team for their distributio Keep a record of the number of tracts di tributed.

Best Illustration

Dr. M. E. Dodd relates the following "A young man of my church came to sa that he felt called to the ministry and e pecially to go as a foreign missionary an he wanted my help. I asked him, 'Are yo teaching a Sunday school class?' 'No.' 'Hav you ever won anybody to Jesus Christ?' 'No 'You go get a class in the Sunday school an take up work among the young peopl look out after somebody to win for Jes Christ, and in six months come back an tell me.' That was a year ago. He has neve returned to report."

My Community: a Mission Field

Matthew 28:18-20; Matthew 25:34-40

Intermediate (12-14 Years) *MAY 19*

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

Aid in Your Study

You need: *It Happened This Way* by ances Nall (Cloth $2.50, paper $1.25). re are nine action-packed stories about n-agers who live in different parts of the ited States—Chinatown in San Francisco, shrimper's cabin in Mississippi, a base- nt flat in an Ohio city, a farmhouse in orgia, and various other places. The mes of the teen-agers have been changed; erwise it "happened this way."

In these stories junior high readers will scover why the United States is a mission ld. They will also see that teen-agers other parts of the country face problems ilar to their own. They will find many ints to discuss that will inspire them to something in their own church and ighborhood. The author is a specialist junior high teaching and writing.

Guide: How to use *It Happened This ay,* by Frances Nall. Paper 50c.

They Live in the City, by Mary M. Lago. story based on fact, about junior highs a Midwest city who reach out to help hers and in so doing enrich their own es. On-the-spot photographs of boys and rls in action add to the book's authenticity. 1954) Cloth $2.00, paper $1.25.

Worship

relude—use hymns such as: *America, the Beautiful* with variations.

all to Worship—Psalm 95:1-6, read responsively.

ymns—*My Country, 'Tis of Thee; God of Our Fathers; America, the Beautiful.*

pecial Music—Quartet or youth choir or instrumental group sing and play *Now Thank We All Our God.*

irected Prayer Period—Leader suggests areas of prayer and pauses for several moments in silent prayer.

tudy and Discussion Period

The Problem

Leader: What makes America a critical ission field?

1st Youth: Families without churches! lore than a fourth of our people have no hurch affiliation of any kind. In New York ity 60 per cent of the people belong to no eligious body. The church has a mission o the unchurched of America.

2nd Youth: People on the move make merica a critical mission field. One person n five moves every year. Too often families n the move become families without hurches. Christian concern demands that he church understand and meet the special eeds of families who move to new neighorhoods, of trailer families and of migrant vorkers.

3rd Youth: Crazy, mixed-up kids make merica a critical mission field. A million hildren between the ages of ten and seventeen get into trouble with police every year. hey are part of the larger army of young eople who have found no worthy purpose on which to focus their lives. The church has a mission to young people.

4th Youth: Divorce and family tension make the U. S. a critical mission field. Alcohol does its part, too. There are four million alcoholics in the United States.

5th Youth: Wherever poverty denies opportunities, America is a critical mission field. The church has a mission in city slums, on Indian reservations, in poor farm areas.

6th Youth: Prejudice, too, can deny opportunity. Tension between racial groups makes America a critical mission field.

OUR AIMS

1. To study the mission topics youth across the nation are considering.
2. To discuss ways of witnessing in local neighborhoods.
3. To make a study of our community and engage in projects to make it more Christian.

QUESTIONS

1. Do you think the church can adapt its program to fit the changing community?
2. What areas of need in your community are untouched by the church?
3. Is it wrong to think of the church as a "social club"?
4. What are the things that make you want to come to church and are these the things that would attract others?
5. Do you think the church ought to provide recreational facilities or do the YMCA's and YWCA's, along with the athletic clubs, provide the needed recreation for the community?

The Church and New Communities

We live in an age of mass-produced communities. These little cities have several characteristics. Homes are built on the same or similar pattern. There is very little difference. Families lose a sense of uniqueness. A child can return from school, walk into almost any door in the community, and find about the same material environment.

The people in communities like this very often feel unattached. They leave their family environment and are now almost in a frontier world.

Too often in these communities the church has not been assigned a space or place in community affairs.

There is another type of new community —trailer camps. These people are a part of our migrant population. They usually mushroom around high-employment areas. The roots of trailer-dwellers never become too deeply established in the surrounding community.

Are there any communities such as this around your city or town?

How is your church or any other church ministering to these new communities?

Would it be possible for your Christian Endeavor to start a service project or church related activity in one such community?

Bible Meditations

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The Country Churches

We are convinced that the church must minister to the rural as well as to the urban and city people. The rural church comprises a significant part of the total church. It has been estimated that one-third of the church membership and two-thirds of the churches in the United States are located in towns of 2,500 or less.

Some country churches have grown weaker while others have grown stronger and larger. In certain areas where there were several small and weak churches they have now united and formed what is known as a "federated church."

Take time to visit and study several rural churches near your community. Take one that is weak and one that is quite strong. Try to see what makes the difference. Talk to a few of the people in those churches and talk to some of the people that are not in the church.

Projects

Ask a member of the women's missionary group of your church to tell you about the work that your own denomination is doing in various cities for some of these "strangers."

As a service project, arrange to present a service of worship in one of the city's welfare centers, such as a city mission.

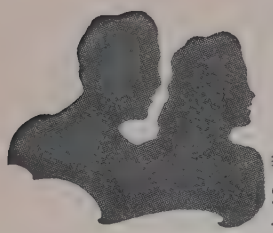
In connection with this program the Stewardship and Evangelism Committee ought to be able to compile a new prospect list. Have all the members present the names of neighbors or school associates who are "strangers" in the community.

Make a list of all of the people to whom Jesus ministered and you will discover that there is no trace of prejudice in His ministry. He was reckless in His manner of meeting with the despised of His day. He talked with disreputable tax collectors, adulterous women, despised Samaritans.

Read St. Luke 10:25-37, the parable of the Good Samaritan. Here we find social barriers being transcended. The smart lawyer was asked, "Which of these three proved neighbor to the man who fell among thieves?" The emphasis in the question which Jesus asked is not on my neighbor but on my attitude toward my neighbor.

The basis for our discussion must be the teachings of Jesus. It is up to us to take the principles of His life and teachings and apply them to the situations.

Many churches in cities have maps in the office showing the location of members by pins or colored dots. If your church has such a map ask the pastor to explain it as it is exhibited in your meeting room.



The Way of God Is Peace

Matthew 5:9; Isaiah 2:1-5; I Thessalonians 5:13b

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *MAY*

Comments by Raymond C. Steinhart

Briefing the Leader

1. Write down for further thought what you would consider as the enemies of peace.
2. Do you believe in "peace at any price"?
3. Consult at least three people on this subject, "Planning for Peace—When, How?"

Biblical References

Our first reference (Matthew 5:9) has to do with the peacemaker. How great a blessing is peace! It is the preserver of life, of property, and of happiness. No one can be the peacemaker of the text unless he possesses a peaceable and conciliatory disposition. The way of God is peace. The Son of God is the Prince of Peace. The children of the world love to fish in troubled waters, but the children of God are peacemakers.

Isaiah sees a glorious day when nations shall learn war no more (Isaiah 2:1-5). He sees them beating their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Today we see trouble in the nations plus a great deal of inward unrest. The Middle East situation has become a sore and critical problem. We must so make peace with men that we do not break our peace with conscience. Peace must not be bought with the sale of truth. Universal peace must await the coming of the Prince of Peace. When Christ comes to reign, when His name is called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, yea, the Prince of Peace, then we shall know abiding peace.

Paul in his epistle to the Thessalonians writes, "Be at peace among yourselves." (I Thessalonians 5:13). Only the Lord Jesus Christ can help us to live in peace one with another. He helps us to forgive our enemies and love them, to treat kindly those who mistreat us. Nothing can hinder more the progress of the wheels of God's chariot of peace than when the saints of light are not at peace. It is said that there are individuals who will sow discord and promote dissension at any time. This will always prove a hindrance to the work of the church. Ministers and people should do all in their power to live peaceably with all men.

Today there is peace from sin (Romans 5:1). The burden of sin is a heavy one, but there is a place where sin may be rolled away. The cross tells its own story. On it the Prince of Glory died. He put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. He made peace through the blood of His cross.

Basic Material

Our world today is torn asunder by strife—strife among brothers, strife in the homes, strife in the nation, strife in all the world. Though Christians are living in a world of strife and bloodshed, each obedient believer on Christ may know at all times "the peace of God which passeth all understanding." It is only God's peace which "shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." This blessed peace is not dependent upon outward calm or stress but upon the enthroned Christ within.

Remember the words of Shakespeare, "'Tis death to me, to be at enmity; I hate it, and deserve all good men's love." Hear the words of St. Augustine, "Thou hast touched me and I have been translated into Thy peace." The Chinese have a proverb, "If there is righteousness in the heart there will be beauty in the character. If there be beauty in the character there will be harmony in the home. If there is harmony in the home there will be order in the nation. When there is order in the nation there will be peace in the world."

James H. Griffith, quoted in Forbes, says, "May we learn the everlasting lesson that peace comes not by changing maps, but by changing men." The way of God is peace.

In the first place, we must be at peace with ourselves. Paul said, "And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offense toward God, and toward men." So many people are not on good terms with themselves. In their reflective moments they are wretched for they are face to face with a guilty conscience. They have not come to know God's way of peace. There is no need for this to continue, for God offers forgiveness. "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." God has promised to blot out our sins and to remember them against us no more. We can be at peace with ourselves.

In the second place, we can be at peace with our neighbors. What harm is done to the cause of Christ when we fail to manifest the Christlike, peaceable spirit toward those who live across the street from us or in the very same house or apartment building with us. When we love our neighbors as ourselves, we will live peaceably with them and thereby win their confidence. We will strive to always be fair in our dealings with them. Rather than injure our neighbors we ourselves would suffer personal loss.

Recently we read the advice Abraham Lincoln gave to a client, "Yes, we can doubtless gain your case for you; we can set a whole neighborhood at loggerheads; we can distress a widowed mother and her six fatherless children, and thereby get from you $600.00 to which you seem to have a legal claim, but which rightfully belongs, as appears to me, as much to the woman and her children as it does to you. You must remember, however, that some things legally right are not morally right. We shall not take your case, but we will give you a little advice for which we will charge you nothing. You seem to be a sprightly, energetic man. We would advise you to try your hand at making $600.00 in some other way. We can be at peace with our neighbors."

In the third place, we can be at peace with God. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God" (Romans 5:1). Before we were saved by the grace of God we were dead in trespasses and sins (Ephesians 2:1). Yea, we were the enemies of God. In this condition there was no peace between ourselves and God. But when we were without strength Christ through the blood of His cross, reconciled us to God (Colossians 1:20-22). Now through faith in His name we have peace with God.

In the fourth place, there will be universal peace. Read your newspapers and you will discover a world torn at its heart. Some how you can hear the tramping of feet, the blasting of hopes, the spilling of blood. When Jesus Christ returns to the world to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords He will bring peace. Surely those of us who long for universal peace among the nations of this world will not cease to pray the prayer, "Even so come, Lord Jesus."

BASIS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Discuss the following statement, "Peace is not the absence of conflict from life, but the ability to cope with it."

2. Is it possible to live peaceably with all men? How do you do it?

3. What do you think of the work of the United Nations in relation to world peace? Do you think the United Nations should be abandoned because of the conflict in the Middle East or the outbreak of any other world disorder?

4. How would you direct a man with a guilty conscience who desires to find peace for his troubled heart and mind?

5. Can one have peace with God in the midst of consternation and heartache? Can you cite any examples?

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Backing the Project

1. Secure someone well versed on the work of the United Nations to present the procedures in matters dealing with peace among all nations.
2. Distribute some sound literature on peace. Consult your pastor.

Best Illustrations

"What's worrying you, my dear?" asked the Goddess of Justice with concern. "Oh," answered Peace, somewhat wearily, "big nations with small notions."

"Hard to dislike a chap who likes you, isn't it? Well, there's your peace plan." *R. R. Magazine*

"Peace has its price as well as war." *New Era Press.*

The Way of God Is Peace

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Comments by Raymond M. Veb

y Are Wars Waged?

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and destructive of property and char-
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Solution to Wars

What, then, is the solution of problems
ous enough to force the hand of a na-
to draw the sword? The solution is so
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to be misled. Peace will inhabit the
h when God is enthroned as the sov-
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il. The answer is simple, but its achieve-
nt is long and arduous. The church has
n slow to take Christianity to the peoples
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send armies to wage war.

The rule of God in the lives of persons
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y kneel before God and practice Chris-
n ways. Peace will come only when the
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e Church's Role

Greatest of all messengers of peace is
Church which preaches the love of one
d, Father of all men. When men are
ied together in brotherly love, as chil-
n of the one Father, there can be no
r. All men are made one through Christ.
Our prayers should always be with the
urch as it goes as the messenger of
ce, of good will among men, until that
when war shall be no more. "How
utiful upon the mountain are the feet
him that bringeth good tidings, that
blisheth peace."

e United Nations—Help to Peace

"The United Nations is the world's great-
hope for peace." Our youth must, in
words of President Eisenhower again
eave no stone unturned in their work for
ace. They should reject no method, how-
r novel, that holds out any hope how-
r faint, for a just and lasting peace."

OUR AIMS

1. To see how God holds life sacred; wars make life cheap.
2. To discover how truth is the first victim of war.
3. To confirm that the way of God is peace.

QUESTIONS

1. What is the basis of real peace in the heart?
2. Does the peace in the heart make a difference in how we treat others when they differ with us?
3. How may you demonstrate this peace to a neighbor who does not like the church and criticizes the Christian?
4. How far-reaching is our testimony to be? How do we make it known to other nations?
5. Is it possible to have such peace of heart that military powers cannot overthrow it?
6. In what way can a peacemaker serve his nation better?
7. What makes a peacemaker? His loyalty to the church or his love for the Saviour?
8. How can we make friends of our enemies?
9. Is the term "conscientious objector" a good one? Why?
10. What are the "peace churches"? Why are they known by this term?
11. Does the home in a nation at war pay the greatest price for war?
12. Is **Onward, Christian Soldiers** a good hymn to sing?

Christian young people along with all other youth of the world must grow up together, realizing their need to cooperate, work together, and help one another. They must develop and realize their vast potential and discharge their mutual responsibilities.

The Mission Necessity

It is necessary to change the outlook of people before we can expect a lasting and just peace to come to our world. There is only one means for making that change. It is the Gospel of Christ. When Jesus sent His disciples out to preach the Gospel to all nations, He was giving to the world a divine program for human brotherhood. When we become Christians we become at the same time children of God. All those who are God's children are brothers and sisters of one another. In this brotherhood will disappear the hatreds and jealousies and fears that produce war. (What light does Galatians 3:26-28 throw on this whole matter? Discuss with the group.)

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What You Can Do

1. Plan to present a peace play in your local church as a Christian Endeavor project. If other interested churches are nearby, you may be able to present the drama many times. Any financial proceeds may be used to further some project for peace. A drama can be a powerful peace witness.
2. Invite a Korean war veteran to your meeting and have him give you a picture of war. Have him present his ideas for obtaining peace, evaluating the methods of the military in bringing about an enduring peace.
3. Present a series of situation dramas illustrating the need for non-resistance and love in everyday living. Include some controversial dramas that will bring about an active discussion.
4. Invite minority groups to your fellowship meetings and discuss points of mutual concern. If we try to understand our neighbors who believe and act differently than we, it isn't so difficult to realize differences in nations.

Worship

Suggested Scripture Readings: Matthew 5:21-27; 5:38-48; I Corinthians 13; Luke 10:25-37.

Appropriate Hymns: *Immortal Love, Forever Full; Faith of Our Fathers; Dear Lord and Father of Mankind; Let There Be Light; O Brother Man; O God of Love, O King of Peace; Spirit of the Living God.*

Audio-Visual Aids

One World or None shows the terrible destructive potential of atomic energy and impresses the need for world understanding. (10 min. sound)

Sing a Song of Friendship—The world of tomorrow must be a world of peace and friendship, or else! This teaches some new and catchy songs about world brotherhood using the bouncing ball technique. (12 min. sound, color.)

Toymaker—Using hand-operated puppets this presents a dramatic treatment of how surface differences can lead to human conflicts. (15 min. sound, color.)

Answer for Anne—Anne, attractive and a spirited teen-ager, is assigned a theme in her high school civics class on "Should Our Town Take in Displaced Persons?" It brings the basic philosophy of peace and love to our very doorsteps. (40 min. sound.)

Secure the above films at a film library in your community or write to the Audio-Visual Aids Department of your denomination.

Peace Literature

Most denominations have a Commission on Christian Social Action. Write direct to such, getting the name and address from your pastor, for free materials.

Christian Endeavor also has some literature on this subject.

More Christian Endeavor Birthday Celebrations

Pennsylvania

Philadelphia Endeavorers broadcast over radio station WCAU on February 3.

The six societies of Westmoor Church of Christ, Kingston, held a full week of activities.

Rev. Melvin Forney was the speaker at the Christian Endeavor fellowship dinner on February 3 at First Presbyterian Church, Ambridge, for the three societies. Youth participated in the morning service.

Mr. Forney was also speaker for the Lancaster County celebration, February 2 at Paradise.

A Pennsylvania Dutch banquet at Central Schwenkfelder Church in Worcester was an attraction for 250 Montgomery County youth on February 2.

The Union Bank window in Erie was decorated in honor of Christian Endeavor.

A series of services January 23-27 were held at St. Paul's (Dubs') Church near Hanover, using the theme "Christ Shall Reign Through Evangelism."

Perry County youth gave radio programs over Station WJUN on January 27 and February 3.

North Carolina

Endeavorers were in charge of 15-minute devotions January 21-27 over television station WFMY-TV, Greensboro. Also they presented a radio program over the Siler City station. Mrs. James Euliss prepared the script.

The North Carolina annual banquet was held in Greensboro February 2 with Rev. Roy Putnam as speaker.

A special worship service was presented on February 3 by the Pleasant Hill society.

Texas

Dallas District youth enjoyed a banquet at Pleasant Grove Christian Church on February 1 with Connie Eckard as toastmaster.

Rio Hondo was the site of Valley District's birthday banquet.

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Proverbs 17:22, Ephesians 5:19,20.

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Fond du Lac District, Brandon, Wis.
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